

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the following comments are respectfully requested.

In the office action mailed February 17, 2005, the Examiner required Applicants to elect one of the following species: (1) Figs. 1 & 2c; (2) Figs 2A & 2B; (3) Fig. 3a; (4) Fig. 3B; (5) Fig. 4; (6) Fig. 5; (7) Fig. 7; and (8) Fig. 8.

Applicants hereby elect the species of Figs 1 & 2c for the purposes of prosecution.

Claim 13 is generic and claims 14 - 20, 24, 26, and 28 are believed to read on the elected species.

Also, by the present amendment, a minor correction to claim 17 has been made, which correction was not necessitated by reasons of patentability.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

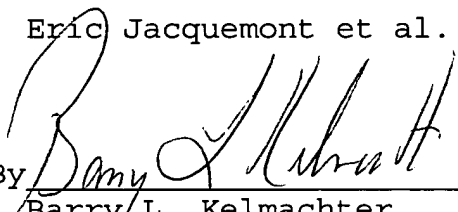
Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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No fee is believed to be needed as a result of this response. Should the Director believe a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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